GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Setting up of Float Glass Plants
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total number of sheet and plate glass plants operating for building and housing projects in the country at present;

(b) whether any efforts are being made by the Government to set up large size float glass plants in the country;

(c) whether any float glass plant has suspended its work in the country particularly at Chitrakut in Uttar Pradesh, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to revive the operations of such factories?

Answer

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THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a): Glass is a delicensed industry. Therefore, it is difficult to provide exact figures. As per the information available, there are 8 plants for manufacture of float glass.

(b): No. Glass is a de-licensed industry and under the existing liberalized economic environment - investment decisions for start of new plants are taken by entrepreneurs based on techno-economic considerations.

(c): A glass factory at Chitrakut was set-up in 1991 by Continental Float Glass Ltd. Lucknow in collaboration with UP State Mineral Corporation Ltd. They could not start the production. In 1992, it was decided by Govt. of UP and Continental Float Glass Ltd. to close down the factory.

(d): No steps are under consideration by Government of India as the factory was in Joint collaboration of UP State Mineral Corporation Ltd.
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